Thank you for completing this NOMINATION FORM
East Devon District Council is inviting nominations to determine its Local Heritage Assets - comprising buildings and other features of the historic environment – which are locally distinctive or have particular importance to the local community

1: Name and contact details of Assessor [This information will not be publically available]
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2: Date of completion:
May 2014

3: Ref No [to be completed by EDDC]
(18) on SVA Grade III list/EDDC Local List [possibly: 1/16]

4: Name of Heritage Asset:
Sidmouth Urban District Council Offices, Knowle (1984)
4a: Address/Location:
Station Rd
Devon EX10 8FE

4b: Owner:
[Address, if different to above]
East Devon District Council

4c: Location: *[Google map or OS ref]*
SY 12043 87919

5: Unit of Record:
Building **X** Structure ◻ Complex ◻ Open Space ◻ Street ◻ Landscape ◻
Other feature - specify ◻
5a: Heritage Asset type(s) *[e.g. 4 terrace houses; semi-detached villas; pillar box; gardens]*
Former hotel

6: Designations/Classifications:
Listed Building ◻ grade **III** Conservation Area ◻ Protected Species ◻
Local Heritage Asset **X** SVA Blue Plaque ◻ Sampson Society ◻

7: Age: Earliest phase Later phases
Hotel built 1880s; very little remaining of original 1840s cottage orné

8: External materials:
Walls **render** Roof **slate**
Windows **original pre1939 replaced 2008**
Chimneys **brick original**

9: Condition:
good

10: Current use of building/area:
headquarters of East Devon District Council

11: Rarity: Is the building /structure rare of its type within the streetscape?
Yes **X** No □ If yes, explain why:
Largest hotel building on Station Road

12: Contribution: Does the building contribute to the visual character/distinctiveness of the area/group of buildings *[e.g. defined features, landscape character, visually dominant]*
Yes **X** No □
If yes, explain why: **Imposing façade set in impressive parkland and gardens**

13: Historic integrity of the area or complex:
high □ medium **X** low □
Compromised by addition of 1980s extension, although main building much unchanged:

http://www.sidmouthherald.co.uk/news/knowle_from_4_star_hotel_to_council_offices_1_3982211

14: Any additional information in support of this nomination
[eg: specific features; further background; social history; association with notable persons/events]
Property was turned down by English Heritage for Grade II status; EH stated however:
"The alterations that have occurred both to the gardens and the house mean that neither meets the criteria for designation in a national context, though they are evidently highly-valued by the local community."
http://www.sidmouthherald.co.uk/news/knowle_is_not_a_national_gem_english_heritage_1_1538331
SAVE Britain's Heritage considers the building to be of value:
http://saveoursidmouth.com/2012/09/25/save-britains-heritage-letter-of-objection/

15: Sources:
See references
And: https://www.visionforsidmouth.org/news/2012/october/application-to-english-heritage-for-listing-of-knowle.aspx;

16: Each nomination should include 1-5 referenced digital photographs.

1) http://eastdevon.gov.uk/news/2015/03/council-gears-up-for-final-decision-on-move-from-sidmouth/
2) http://www.sidmouthherald.co.uk/news/knowle_development_must_stay_in_footprint_1_3944879

Please send your completed form together with relevant supporting information to:
Conservation Officer, EDDC Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8HL
or e-mail StevenGuy@eastdevon.gov.uk Thank you.